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FORCE REALIGNMENT IN SOVIET 5TH ARMY, FAR EAST MILITARY DISTRICT, USSR (S)

(S/WNINTEL) During the period [] a force realignment was observed within the Soviet 5th Army in the Far East Military District, USSR. This realignment (Figure 1) resulted in the following: the forward deployment of a major combat maneuver unit of the Smolyaninovo Division to an installation 10 nautical miles (nm) from the Sino-Soviet border; a consolidation of artillery, rocket, and chemical units with the combat maneuver units of the Sergeyevka Division; and the consolidation of all elements of a second-generation (mobilization) division at Shkotovo Army Barracks AL-1.

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(S/WNINTEL) The artillery regiment and the multiple-rocket launcher battalion subordinate to the Sergeyevka Division had been housed at Chernyatino Army Barracks AL-1/TA-1. These units had left garrison by [] and were probably redeployed to Barano-Orenburgskoye Army Barracks AL-1. This approximately 25-nm move consolidated the artillery and rocket force units of the Sergeyevka Division with its combat maneuver elements in the Barano-Orenburgskoye area. The chemical defense battalion housed at Chernyatino AL-1/TA-1 had also left garrison by [] and was probably redeployed to Lipovtsy Army Barracks Southwest AL-1.

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(S/WNINTEL) The active BTR-60PB-equipped motorized rifle regiment and the chemical defense battalion subordinate to the Smolyaninovo Division housed at Shkotovo AL-1 had left garrison by [] and was probably redeployed to Chernyatino AL-1/TA-1 by [] (Figure 2). This resulted in a forward positioning of these units to within 10 nm of the Sino-Soviet border from a rear support area approximately 50 nm from the border.

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(S/WNINTEL) Between [] two BTR-40-equipped, second-generation motorized rifle regiments and an engineer battalion housed at Smolyaninovo Army Barracks AL-1/TA-3 began to redeploy 5 nm northwest to Shkotovo AL-1. Most of the equipment for these units had been transferred by [] This relocation consolidated all elements of the second-generation motorized rifle division at Shkotovo AL-1.

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(S/WNINTEL) The forward deployment of the motorized rifle regiment of the active Smolyaninovo Division placed a frontline unit in the Tung-Ning-Pokrovka Gap, one of the two major avenues of advance into the Ussuriysk/Vladivostok area. The consolidation of the Sergeyevka Division improved the defenses of the second approach route through the Sui-Fen-Ho-Pogranichnyy area and simplified the command and control for the division

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by placing all of the units of the division within a 20-nm area. The relocation of all elements of the second-generation division at Shkotovo AL-1 should simplify the coordination of activity in any future activation of the division.

(S) The current order-of-battle for these three divisions, based on the the redeployment of units in the Soviet 5th Army area, is presented in tabular form below.

Sergeyevka Division (Motorized Rifle Division)

| Unit | Location | BE No |
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| Tank Regt | Lipovtsy Army Bks SW AL-1 | |
| Motorized Rifle Regt | Barano-Orenburgskoye Army Bks AL-1 | |
| Motorized Rifle Regt | Barano-Orenburgskoye Army Bks AL-2 | |
| Motorized Rifle Regt | Sergeyevka Army Bks AL-1/SAM Spt 2 | |
| SA-6 Regt | Sergeyevka Army Bks AL-1/SAM Spt 2 | |
| Artillery Regt | Barano-Orenburgskoye Army Bks AL-1 | |
| Multiple-Rocket Launcher Bn | Barano-Orenburgskoye Army Bks AL-1 | |
| FROG Bn | Unlocated | |
| Chemical Defense Bn | Lipovtsy Army Bks SW AL-1 | |
| Reconnaissance Bn | Barano-Orenburgskoye Army Bks AL-1 | |

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Smolyaninovo Division (Motorized Rifle Division)

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| Tank Regt | Smolyaninovo Army Bks AL-1/TA-3 |
| Motorized Rifle Regt | Smolyaninovo Army Bks AL-1/TA-3 |
| Motorized Rifle Regt | Chernyatino Army Bks AL-1/TA-1 |
| Motorized Rifle Regt | Ussuriysk Army Bks West AL-3 |
| SA-6 Regt | Ussuriysk Army Bks West AL-3 |
| Artillery Regt | Smolyaninovo Army Bks AL-1/TA-3 |
| Multiple-Rocket Launcher Bn | Smolyaninovo Army Bks AL-1/TA-3 |
| FROG Bn | Smolyaninovo Army Bks AL-1/TA-3 |
| Chemical Defense Bn | Chernyatino Army Bks AL-1/TA-1 |
| Reconnaissance Bn | Unlocated |

Shkotovo Division (Second-Generation Motorized Rifle Division)

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| All elements | Shkotovo Army Barracks AL-1 |
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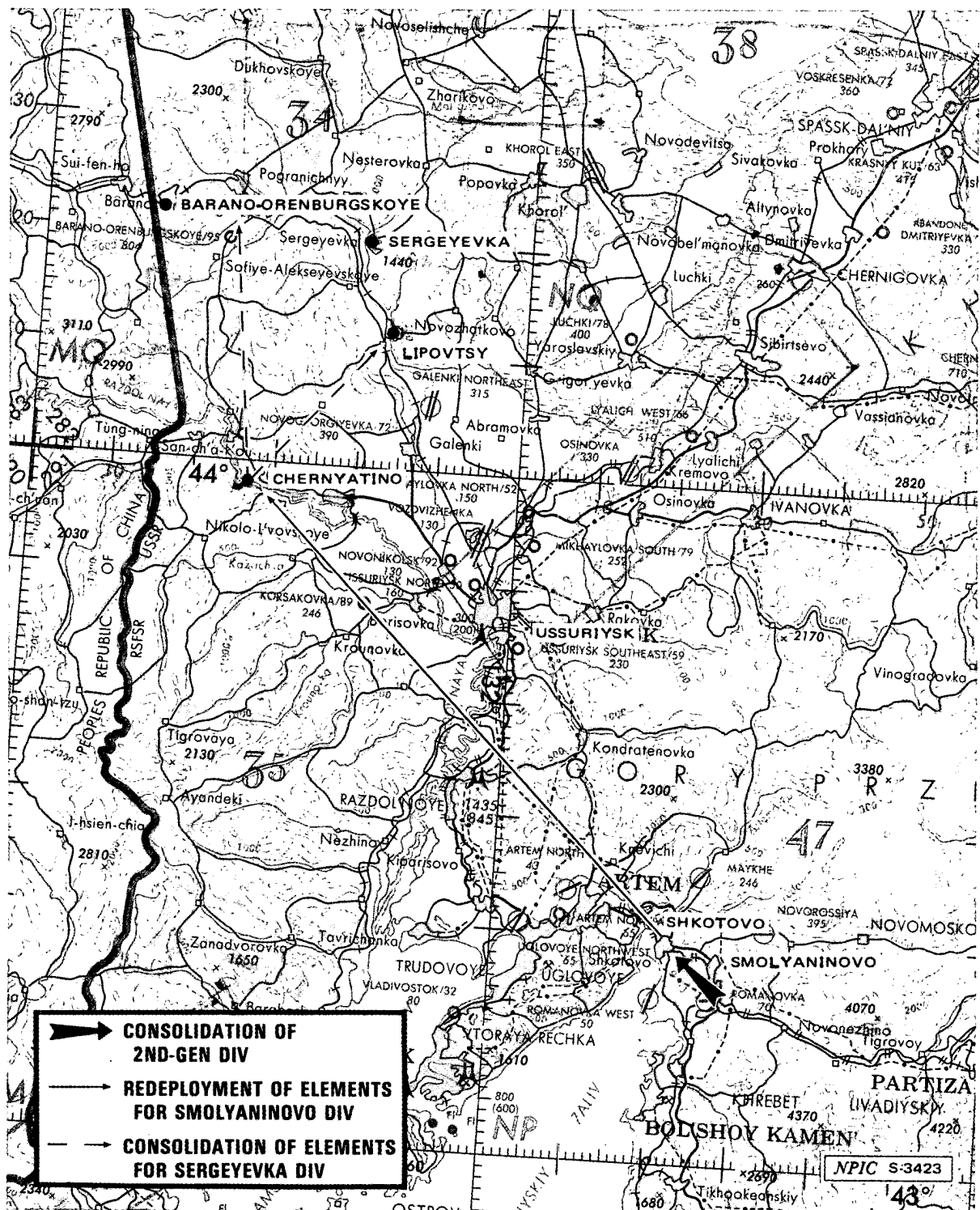
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FIGURE 1. FORCE REALIGNMENT 5th ARMY, FAR EAST MILITARY DISTRICT, USSR

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